



National Service in Rhode Island



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN RHODE ISLAND

More than 4,200 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Rhode Island. Serving at more than 580 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$6,960,000 to support Rhode Island communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions—working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$4,880,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 340 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Rhode Island. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Rhode Island, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 6,600 Rhode Island residents have served more than 9.5 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$22,050,000.

Senior Corps: More than 3,800 seniors in Rhode Island contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 540 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 360 groups across Rhode Island.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Rhode Island At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	7	15	117	\$902,606	\$830,693 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	22	88	\$508,200	\$429,280
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	31	74	\$252,756	\$600,000
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	40	64	\$367,080	\$1,045,184
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	19	108	343	\$2,030,641	\$2,905,157
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	3	87	255	-	\$836,869
RSVP	7	368	3,496	-	\$568,768
Senior Companion Program	1	20	126	-	\$378,071
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	11	475	3,877	-	\$1,783,708
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	3	-	-	-	-
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	3	-	-	-	-
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	34	583 ⁴	4,220	\$2,030,641	\$4,938,865
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$6,969,507
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$4,887,082 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$11,856,589

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- ¹ This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2015 - 2016 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- ² This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Rhode Island. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- ³ AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- ⁴ The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- ⁵ As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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National Service Impact in Rhode Island

State Commission

As the Rhode Island State Commission, Serve Rhode Island manages nine AmeriCorps State programs. Programs focus on early childhood education, school engagement and academic improvement, out-of-school STEM programming, college access, employment, and veterans' services. Last year, 184 AmeriCorps members served more than 9,000 students, provided health education to more than 2,500 mothers and young families, and served more than 2,000 veterans and family members. As the volunteer center for the state, Serve Rhode Island spearheads the SAFE-D program (Snow Assistance for the Elderly and Disabled). Last winter, 234 volunteers completed 714 snow shoveling assignments to ensure the safety of Rhode Island's low-income elderly and disabled individuals. AmeriCorps members were a key piece of the volunteer effort by shoveling snow and answering resident's phone calls.

AmeriCorps State

Generations of Learning is an AmeriCorps program of Connecting For Children & Families, which serves low-income students grades K-5 at Coleman Elementary in Woonsocket. Coleman Elementary is one of the state's lowest in academic achievement. Through this program, 12 AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one literacy enrichment in classrooms and summer programming to prevent summer learning loss. Of the 213 students who completed the program, 121 students improved their reading skills last year. In their fourth year of programming, Generations of Learning has become an integral part of the school community and has created demand for more service in neighboring schools.

The Education Fellowship Program at The Learning Community Charter School provides students with small group math and reading tutoring and improves school engagement for grades 6-8 through after-school STEM programming. A total of ten AmeriCorps members serve at the charter school in Central Falls, as well as a partner public school in Woonsocket, to continue their model of sharing proven best practices. Last year, 314 students participated in the AmeriCorps-led tutoring sessions and 294 of those students improved in literacy or math. Additionally, 71 of the 95 middle school students who completed the after-school programming showed improvement in academic engagement.

AmeriCorps National

City Year Providence AmeriCorps engages 50 members who serve full-time at five schools, helping more than 3,830 students at greatest risk of dropping out. AmeriCorps members serve alongside teachers, using research-based tools to improve students' attendance, behavior, and performance in math and English. The members also lead afterschool programs and school-wide initiatives to improve school culture. Thanks to the members' service, 67 percent of students who started the year with a D or F improved their grade to a C or higher by the end of the year. Additionally, 100 percent of principals and liaisons report City Year AmeriCorps members help improve their students' social-emotional learning.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Capital Good Fund provides equitable financial services that create pathways out of poverty by providing low-income families with individualized financial coaching, personal loans, and tax information and counseling. AmeriCorps VISTA members have recruited 50 volunteers who will serve 250 hours, developed new systems and business processes, evaluated the organizational assessment tool for improvements and updates, built new data system capacity, and provided 1,045 economically disadvantaged individuals with financial services to improve their financial knowledge.

The Housing Authority of the City of Pawtucket provides safe, decent, and affordable housing and establishes programs to enhance, and empower residents. AmeriCorps members have recruited 172 volunteers who served 1004 hours, secured in-kind resources valued at \$77,249, provided services to 85 beneficiaries, provided 1,045 economically disadvantaged individuals with financial services to improve their financial knowledge, developed and implemented effective volunteer management practices at three organizations, provided support, education and or referrals to 350 individuals, and provided increased food security to 150 individuals.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Two FEMA Corps teams served with the American Red Cross (ARC) and FEMA with the Pillowcase Project and Masters of Disaster presentation. These projects teach students how to prepare for emergencies, enhance coping skills, and practice what they have learned to share knowledge with family and friends. Participants receive a pillowcase at the end of the presentation that serves as a place for kids to store emergency preparedness items. If an emergency were to occur, the child could easily grab the pillowcase and take it with them to safety. AmeriCorps NCCC members interacted with more than 2,000 students at schools throughout Rhode Island. The teams also helped organize and take inventory of the American Red Cross's storage units and trailers. Upon one of the team's arrivals, there was a major fire in Warwick. FEMA Corps members were able to assist with individual and family case files to respond more effectively. Another team went door-to-door to designated residences and conducted a survey on behalf of Westerly to determine whether the town would receive back-up generators to power sewer pumps in the event of an emergency.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

According to the Rhode Island Department of Education, 40 percent of East Bay third-graders attending low-performing schools are not proficient in math and 30 percent are not proficient in reading. Thirty-nine Foster Grandparent volunteers serving through the East Bay Community Action Program provided tutoring and mentoring to 628 students, and 85 percent improved their academic skills. According to RI Kids Count, one in three East Bay children live in low-income families and 44 percent of these children live in single-parent households. Research by The Annie E Casey Foundation states that the gap begins at birth for children born low-income due to differences in children's resources and opportunities for physical, linguistic, cognitive, social, emotional, and behavioral development. Head Start seeks to narrow the gap between disadvantaged children and more privileged children. Through the East Bay Community Action Program, 7 Foster Grandparent volunteers serve 92 children at 6 Head Start stations.

Senior Corps RSVP

Federal Hill House – (Capital Region RSVP) is currently providing Matter of Balance training to RSVP volunteers who will become Master Trainers. They have reached out to local senior centers, nonprofits, high-rise buildings and other places to recruit volunteers. The RSVP volunteers teach classes approximately 15 clients per class. A Matter of Balance includes eight two-hour sessions for a small group led by a trained facilitator. Although this is a new initiative, the goal is to have 192 participants benefit from this training.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs serves as the statewide Senior Companion Program. There are currently 83 Senior Companion volunteers who serve throughout the state. These volunteers serve a total of 493 mental health, independent living, and adult day care clients to allow these clients to stay in their own homes, saving the state expenses from providing nursing home care. Training is provided to the Senior Companions on how to best serve their clients with mental health. In addition, 30 clients are receiving respite care from the Senior Companions. This provides a relief outlet for the client caregivers which can help reduce stress and provide better health for the caregiver. Senior Companions are also trained in emergency preparedness, which they pass to their clients.

Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. The SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities across America. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation SIF programs throughout the state have placed 145 people in jobs and increased the net worth of 202 individuals. The Social Innovation Fund is investing in expanding the impact of three nonprofits in Rhode Island.

AmeriCorps in Rhode Island



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	343	19
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	108	15

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Central Falls	The Education Fellows Program (Current) The Learning Community	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Central Falls	The Learning Community (Completed) The Learning Community	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charlestown	SCA Rhode Island (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Johnston	Financial Literacy and Budget Basics (Completed) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Johnston	VetSuccess Tri-Town competitive (Completed) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	4	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Kingston	Jumpstart URI at University of Rhode Island-I (Completed) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	84	AmeriCorps National
Pawtucket	Community Service Success (Completed) The Housing Authority of the City of Pawtucket Rhode Island	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pawtucket	Connecting Futures (Current) Pawtucket School Department	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Pawtucket	Farm Fresh Rhode Island (Completed) Farm Fresh Rhode Island	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pawtucket	Operation AmeriCorps Connecting Futures Pawtucket (Current) Pawtucket School Department	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	City Year Providence - NATL (Current) City Year, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps National
Providence	City Year Rhode Island-NATL (Current) City Year, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Providence	CityArts Turnaround Teaching Artist Project (Current) Providence CityArts for Youth, Inc.	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Growing Capital Good Fund 2014 (Completed) The Capital Good Fund	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Highlander Institute- Education and Arts Capacity Builders (Completed) Highlander Institute	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Inspiring Minds Academic Campaign (Completed) Inspiring Minds	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Providence Children's Museum AmeriCorps Program (Current) Providence Children's Museum	12	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Providence College (Current) Providence College	16	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Providence, RI Disaster Survivor Assistance Team (March 7 - April 24, 2015) ARC Rhode Island Chapter	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Providence	Ready to Learn Providence (Current) The Providence Plan	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Rhode Island (Current) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	9	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Rhode Island Free Clinic VISTA Program (Completed) Rhode Island Free Clinic	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Rhode Island Free Clinic VISTA Program (Current) Rhode Island Free Clinic	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (Current) Equal Justice Works	3	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Serve Rhode Island II (Current) Serve Rhode Island	36	AmeriCorps VISTA

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Providence	Serve Rhode Island VISTA Program (Completed) Serve Rhode Island	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Social Enterprise Greenhouse (Completed) Social Enterprise Greenhouse	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Teach For America - Rhode Island (Completed) Teach For America	1	AmeriCorps National
Providence	TFA- Rhode Island (Current) Teach For America	60	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	YouthBuild Providence, RI (Current) The Providence Plan	54	AmeriCorps National
Warwick	RI Vet Corps Project (Completed) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Warwick	Westbay RI Vet Corps Project (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Woonsocket	Generations of Learning (Current) Connecting for Children & Families, Inc.	18	AmeriCorps State Formula

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Rhode Island



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAMS

CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

3,877

11

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

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0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Charlestown	Washington County RSVP (Current) Southern Rhode Island Volunteers	356	RSVP
Cranston	Cranston RSVP (Current) City of Cranston	220	RSVP
Cranston	Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (Current) Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs	126	Senior Companion Program
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program RSVP-Northern RI (Current) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	480	RSVP
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (Current) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	746	RSVP
Providence	Capitol Region FGP (Current) Federal Hill House Association	125	Foster Grandparent Program
Providence	Capitol Region RSVP (Current) Federal Hill House Association	438	RSVP
Riverside	East Bay Foster Grandparent Program (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	53	Foster Grandparent Program
Riverside	East Bay RSVP (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	537	RSVP
Warwick	Westbay RSVP (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	719	RSVP
West Warwick	West Warwick Senior Center FGP (Current) West Warwick Senior Center, Inc	77	Foster Grandparent Program

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Nonprofit Subgrantees in Rhode Island

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	Description
	<i>Intermediary</i>	
Providence, RI	Amos House Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Amos House is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center delivering bundled workforce development, financial counseling and coaching, and public benefits access.
Providence, RI	Providence Housing Authority Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	The Providence Housing Authority's Olneyville/Hartford Family Opportunity Center, effectively bundles education and employment services, financial counseling and income supports so that low-income clients can achieve long-term economic stability.
Woonsocket, RI	Community Care Alliance Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Family Resources Community Action and NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley are creating a Financial Opportunity Center building on the employment, financial counseling, and income support services they and their partners currently provide in the community.

Other Programs in Rhode Island



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Providence	Serve Rhode Island (Completed) Serve Rhode Island	Volunteer Generation Fund
Providence	State Administrative Grant (Current) Serve Rhode Island	State Commission Operations Support